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For: BROADCASTING CONTROL SYSTEM

AND METHOD IN ATM RING

NETWORK

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In response to the Office Action dated April 19, 2004 (Paper No. 4), Applicant respectfully requests that the above-identified Patent application be reconsidered in view of the amendments and remarks which follow, that each of the presently pending claims be allowed, and that the application be passed to issue.

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